

ABSTRACT

Methods, systems, and computer program products for improving installation of software suites by automatically and dynamically obtaining information pertaining to the heterogeneous run-time environment in which the suite will be installed, and using this information as input to a rules engine which evaluates rules to dynamically select a predetermined topology-specific configuration of the suite. The software installation process is thereby adapted and configured dynamically based on the unique topology of the environment in which the suite is being installed, yet the burden on the software installer to understand the intricacies of his run-time environment (and to reflect those details in the suite customization process) is greatly reduced. Software installation is therefore quicker, easier, and less error-prone than in prior art approaches.